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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS



Initiative Motion

LODGE "SV. JANEZA KRSTNIKA", No. 37,
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Lodge "Sv. Janeza Krstnika", No. 37, of Cleveland, Ohio, at regular meeting held July 17, 1938, adopted the following:

INITIATIVE MOTION

The present wording of section 504 of the Union's by-laws, which reads: "No officer of the lodge or individual member shall accept assessments from a member who had been suspended more than thirty days, if it is suspected that such suspended member, during his suspension, became ill or physically injured", should be crossed out and in its place the following wording inserted: Section 504. No officer of the lodge or individual member shall accept assessments from a member who had been suspended more than thirty days, except the secretary of the lodge."

The present wording of section 505 of the Union's by-laws, which reads: "Any member suspended more than thirty days and up to ninety days may be reinstated by the Union upon payment of delinquent assessments and upon signing a certificate that during suspension he has not become ill or injured", should be crossed out and in its place the following wording inserted: Section 505. Any member suspended more than thirty days and up to ninety days may be reinstated by the Union upon payment of delinquent assessments and that of the current month."

Section 506, which reads: "A member who during his suspension is taken ill cannot be reinstated until he has completely recovered from his illness", should be crossed out entirely.

EXPLANATION:

In these critical times it is possible for a member of 30 years' standing to become ill or suffer bodily injury and at the same time be suspended in the month when he becomes ill or suffers bodily injury. As such he is entitled to no benefits for the illness or injury, if incurred during the month of suspension, although during his thirty years of membership he has not received any benefits. The lodge proposes the foregoing mentioned changes both for the good of the Union and for the benefit of the membership in general.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 17, 1938.

Motion made by: Frank Kačar;
President: Stanislav Dolenc;
Secretary: Joseph Rudolf;
Treasurer: John Branisel.

SUPREME SECRETARY'S EXPLANATION

The supreme board does not support the foregoing initiative motion, although it has been approved for publication in the light of section 65 of the Union's by-laws. Discussions on the motion shall begin September 14, 1938 and terminate on November 14, 1938.

Lodges, who shall support this motion, should report their decisions to the home office not later than November 21, 1938. Reports submitted later shall not be considered and neither will reports published in the Nova Doba be considered unless they are forwarded to the home office. Each report must be signed by the lodge president and lodge secretary, and bear the lodge seal. Lodges, who do not support the motion, need not report their results to the home office, but they have the right to make known their decision by means of the Nova Doba. If the motion shall be seconded by one third of the lodges who number in members at least one third of the entire membership in the adult department, then the motion shall be submitted to the membership by referendum.

Ely, Minnesota, September 10, 1938.

ANTON ZBASNIK,
Supreme Secretary, SSCU.

COMMENT OF SUPREME SECRETARY

The supreme board sees no need for the proposed changes in the by-laws. No member as yet has been effected by the sections which lodge No. 37 wishes to amend or eliminate. These sections have been a great help to our lodge secretaries who now already are burdened with collection of assessments. Correct these sections as proposed by lodge No. 37 and there shall be ten times as many suspensions as there have been until the present. The members instead of paying assessments each month shall pay his assessments once every three months. Lodge secretaries shall make many a trip in vain, and once they shall tire of it, resignations will be pouring into the lodges. Federal, State and Municipal authorities would be ineffective without penalties for violations. The supreme holds good for the by-laws of the fraternal benefit organizations. A member who fails to pay his assessment to the designated authority is guilty of a violation, and the penalty for this violation is suspension. The penalty is severe and felt more if the member becomes ill during suspension, for under such circumstances he is entitled to no benefits. The average member is not afraid of suspensions, but he is afraid of becoming ill during the period of suspension, and therefore all of us are concerned over the payment of assessments on time. Take away these requirements from the by-laws and there shall be chaos. I have written this with a sincere and undiscriminating intent, and let no one feel offended. The membership is privileged to read my opinion and that of the other supreme officers, who have expressed themselves with me against the foregoing motion.

ANTON ZBASNIK,
Supreme Secretary.

"She is a nicely reared girl. He: "I suppose you dance."
"I should say so. Not bad. She: "Oh yes, I love to."
"I should say so. Not bad. He: "Great! That's better'n dancing."

Slovenec To Enter Realm of Sports

Ely, Minn. — Lodge No. 114 SSCU will meet at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18. Aside from being a regular monthly meeting, it will be a meeting to be marked in the annals of the Slovenec records. But before we delve into our topic let me call for the attendance of all the members that are in the lodge, especially those who are interested in forming an athletic group.

It is unbeknown to me of the person who said, "In organization there is strength." That is just what we plan to do.

The inspiration comes first from a group of boys that would like to play basketball. It has been the endeavor of this group to form a team. To my estimation this forming a basketball team is just the embryo of a number of other activities that would follow, such as bowling, diamond ball, etc.

As Slovenec lodge never has competed in any form of sport in the past, it is high time that we were partaking in some of the fun derived from these activities.

In the August 24th issue of the Nova Doba editorial section carried an article that should be enough inspiration alone, for the boys to turn out to the next meeting and form a nucleus for those activities. As you all may have read this article, this is for those who have been unfortunate enough to miss the article. There is to be an Athletic Convention in 1939 in conjunction with the Juvenile Convention. Now, there is something to look forward to.

Also for the benefit of those boys that have talked to me on this matter, I would like them to know that I have obtained the services of a very efficient coach.

Then—Don't—Forget—Sept. 18th.

Attend the next meeting and decide on the sport activities of the lodge.

Joseph Milkovich, Sec'y

Lodge 225

Milwaukee, Wis. — Members of lodge "Združeni Slovani," No. 225, SSCU are hereby notified to attend in full numbers the coming meeting, which will be held on Sunday, September 18, in the usual quarters. This is an important meeting, and especially so because of the double celebration which is scheduled for November. We must talk over what shall be included in our program in order to fully meet the expectations of our guests, and to celebrate properly the occasion. The board itself cannot accomplish this purpose, but requires the assistance of all the members. It is the duty of the members to work to their best ability for the benefit of the lodge. Therefore, all members come to the meeting on Sunday, September 18, and bring along some good suggestions.

Pauline Vogrich, Sec'y

It's a Habit!

Flossie: "You'll never catch me going out to dinner with an editor again."

Girl Friend: "Why? Was he broke?"

Flossie: "I don't know whether he was broke or not, but he put a blue pencil through about half my order."

BRIEFS

Stan Progar, correspondent for the English section of Nova Doba, wrote an interesting guest column for Joe O'Brien, sports editor of the Canonsburgh Daily Notes of Canonsburgh, Pa., while the latter was on his vacation. Stan is president of Electronics lodge, No. 228, SSCU of Cheswick, Pa.

On Saturday, October 15, Electronics lodge, No. 228, SSCU of Cheswick, Pa., will sponsor a Harvest Dance at the Harwick Union Hall. Frank Rebarnik and his White Eagle orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion. This orchestra broadcasts every Saturday, at 11:45, E. S. T., over station WMJB.

Pittsburgher lodge, No. 196, of Pittsburgh, Pa., offers a semi-private social for members and friends on September 23, at St. Mary's School Hall. Admission is one dollar a person. This social also shall form part of the 40th SSCU anniversary celebration.

In Chicago, the Illinois Federation of SSCU lodges will hold its next meeting on Sunday afternoon, October 2. Entertainment, consisting of a three-act play, dancing, speeches, singing and recitation, will follow the meeting. Our Union's 40th anniversary will feature the program of entertainment.

In Cleveland, the United Junior Slovene Chorus will present a concert on Sunday, September 18, in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. Seven children's choruses comprise the United Junior Slovene Chorus, which has for its director Mr. Louis Seme. Frankie Yankovich and his orchestra will furnish the music for the dance which will follow the concert.

Minnesota Federation of SSCU lodges will hold its next meeting on September 25, in Aurora, Minn., in the Slovene Hall, commencing at one p. m.

Ohio Federation of SSCU lodges will meet on Sunday, October 2, in the Slovene Home on Holmes Ave., in Cleveland.

In Milwaukee, Wisc., lodge No. 225, SSCU will observe its fifth anniversary and the Union's 40th anniversary, with an appropriate program on Saturday, November 5.

Unremitting concentration on the education of the public in traffic safety is a prime need in the campaign to make streets and highways safer for motor travel, according to the State of Ohio Governor's Safety Coordinating Bureau. The most difficult problem, it is pointed out, is to create a desire on the part of the motorists, to adopt, of their own volition, safe driving habits, and accomplishment of this is possible only through public education, which is necessarily a long-range program.

A postcard of greetings from Frank and Rudolph Jancar was received in this week's Nova Doba mail. The pair are sojourning in Tijuana, B. C. Mexico.

Chicago Celebrates SSCU's Birthday Oct. 2

Chicago, Ill. — I hope all of you are planning to attend the Union's 40th anniversary, which the Illinois Federation of SSCU lodges will observe on October 2, 1938, at St. Stevens school hall at Cermak and Wolcott Ave. Program will start at 2:30 p.m. We hope to see all our old friends and to meet many new ones. As this is the occasion where the young and the old meet, we hope both groups shall get together and help us enjoy our gala event.

According to the program, we plan to have a very interesting Slovene play, and many well known characters in Chicago are expected to take parts. We also will have some Slovene folk songs.

At 7:30 p.m. we will have music furnished by none other than the popular orchestra of Rudy Deichman, who will satisfy the most exacting requirements.

We had a wonderful time in Oak Grove in Rockdale, where lodges 66 and 92, SSCU celebrated the SSCU's 40th anniversary. We were treated as old friends, and we hope we shall have the opportunity of returning the favors. I want to congratulate the Rockdale Band for furnishing such excellent music; especially, when considered in the light that this band consists of young boys and girls. I hope we may have the pleasure of hearing this band over the radio sometime.

We were very happy to see Little Stan at the picnic. He is just like his picture, always smiling. We hope he plans to attend our 40th anniversary.

Here is a note to the members of the SSCU in Chicago who do not attend the regular lodge meetings. One of Zvon lodge members, No. 70, SSCU, is ill and has been confined to bed for the past six months. Her name is Mrs. Charles Kapej, of 1923 W. 23d St. I think it would be a good idea to call on her and bring along a little sunshine and happiness.

Rose Laflamme
No. 70, SSCU.

Ladies of SSCU

Joliet, Ill. — Miss Jeanette Kosick entertained the Ladies of the SSCU at her home on Wednesday, August 24. Her house was beautifully decorated with fresh cut flowers. After a business meeting at which time plans were made for work at the joint picnic which lodges 66 and 92 were to hold on the 28th, the guests greatly enjoyed playing games.

Recipients of prizes were the Misses Elizabeth Jevitz and Jule Adamick and Mrs. John L. Jevitz, Jr.

Following the playing of games Miss Kosick served a delicious luncheon at a long beautifully set table, which was centered with a huge bouquet and candelabra. Her color scheme was pink and white, and she carried this out quite artistically.

Miss Elizabeth Jevitz will entertain the club on September twenty-sixth. At this time definite plans will be made for the coming bowling team.

Lillian Kosick,
No. 66, SSCU.

FALL SEASON OF ACTIVITY HERE

Joliet-Rockdale Lodges Are Fine 40th Anniversary Hosts

By Little Stan



Ely, Minn. — The scenic landscapes of trees, leaves, and foliage, for which this famous Minnesota Arrowhead country is noted, is changing. This beautiful green is changing into a

variety of bright colors as Mother Nature weaves her colorful carpet, signifying that the Fall season is here, and that the SSCU lodges throughout the land are beginning plans for an active winter season of socials and sport.

And the eyes of the SSCU world are forever gazing into the future. For soon, preliminary plans for the Third Biennial Juvenile Convention and the new Athletic Conference idea, to be held in Ely next year, will be announced for the approval of all lodges at their November and December meetings. It is planned to hold the two meetings jointly in Ely. But keep your eyes peeled at the official organ, and attend your lodge meetings for more information.

The social and sport whirl of fall and winter activity is gaining momentum. Bro. Joseph Milkovich of Lodge No. 114 Slovenec urges all young English-speaking members to attend the meeting of the lodge in the National Home on Sunday, Sept. 18, where plans will be formulated to organize an athletic and social club. Everyone should attend. So don't forget it — Sunday, Sept. 18, in the National Home.

Bro. Anton Zbasnik has returned from his official trip to Denver, Colorado, where he attended the SSCU's 40th anniversary celebration by St. Joseph and Colorado Sunshine lodges, and where he gave the main address. Little Stan received a card from Denver, signed by Bro. Zbasnik, Frank Okoren, supreme vice president of SSCU, Anton Lunka, Steve Mauser, and Charles H. Chitwood. Was tickled to get it, and was impressed with Bro. Zbasnik's comment: "What a country, Stan", he declared, "See America First is Right!"

Received another card from Miss Vida Kumse of Lorain, Ohio, from London, England. She says: "How much I wish that more people would make such a trip. It is ever so educational and interesting. I don't even want to return. It's more interesting when you can converse in the language. You should hear me try some of them!" — Vida.

Being acquainted with Miss Kumse, Little Stan can readily see her enthusiasm over the trip. Miss Kumse does speak several languages at that. Welcome home, Vida.

Bowling alleys operated by Ray Phillip's at Ely's Bowling Center, formerly the old Opera House building, were officially opened Saturday. Not bragging, but Little Stan still holds the alley record with a 265 made last year for which he won a pair of bowling shoes. Now to get into trim again, and get a team together to represent Minnesota at the National SSCU Bowling tournament in Cleveland next April. Bowling will occupy the sports limelight

during the season as will basketball. But Little Stan will give you more on that later.

In Joliet and Rockdale

Meantime let's board the Magic Carpet again, and sail on over the clouds along the blue horizon to Joliet and Rockdale and Oak Grove picnic grounds where Little Stan left you last week as all were celebrating the 40th anniversary of the South Slavonic Catholic Union.

If you remember Bro. Anton Zbasnik, his son Bill, and Little Stan were together on that flying four-day trip, where Bro. Zbasnik was main speaker. Rubbing elbows with our Joliet-Rockdale brothers and sisters was a pleasure. Standing around near the refreshment stand, Little Stan saw a quaint apparatus. In it was a drum, accordion, and various other instruments. A cardboard sign was painted welcoming Bro. Zbasnik. Little Stan was told the contraption belonged to the One-Man band — Frederick J. Troppe, inventor of the Tropic-Pedal, of Joliet. A few minutes later, the strains of a fast polka were heard from that direction, and Frederick Troppe, the One-Man band was in action. Later, we had the pleasure of meeting him. He is a very amiable person, and is very entertaining. He gave us his card which read, in addition to his title: "Plays

accordion, drum, horn, bass drum, snare drum, cymbals, triangle, and klaxon. For weddings, parties, and entertainments, meet me at Broadway Cash Market, phone seven-oh-three-for." Heh Heh.

Little Stan and Bill happened to be on the opposite side of the stand, getting acquainted with the Kosick sisters, and other young ladies, when Troppe appeared. John Jevitz, jr., introduced us, and forthwith Troppe dosed his chin in a foaming glass of beer. The foam remained on his chin, leaving a perfect Van Dyke beard, and causing merriment all the way around.

Tickets were being sold for the attendance prize. Sis. Mary Shetina got to us for a couple, and Little Stan let her use his manly chest and back to write on. Such a he-man. She worked all the way around that way. . . Heh Heh Heh! (That's worth three of 'em too!) She promised to vie for the honored position of delegate to our SSCU's athletic conference next year at Ely. There was another girl who was selling tickets in a Queen Contest. She was a pretty maiden, and a Slovene girl. Here is plugging for her to win.

One of the busier fellows around the grounds was Bro. John Jevitz, jr. He is chairman in charge of a committee working on annexation of surrounding parts of Joliet Township by the city, a project being sponsored by Mayor Jones, and the Joliet Association of Commerce. Bro. Jevitz, jr., praised the work of Mayor Jones, for his part in taking the city out of the red, and into the black again. Which meant that finacques were again on the balance side instead of in debt. Bro. Jevitz sent Little Stan literature in which the work was described (Continued on page 6)

